

Appendix 2

Summary of Policy Changes

Changes to policy following the assessment of consultation responses during the Regulation 18 consultation period July - Aug 2021

Old No.	New No.	Policy Title	Changes
		Vision	Additional reference proposed in relation to ecosystem services and enhancing the natural environment.
		Objectives	No changes proposed.
S1	S1	Spatial Strategy and Settlement Hierarchy	No changes proposed to the settlement hierarchy. Some minor amendments proposed to the policy wording to cross reference to Policy S3 for tiers 1-3.
S2	S2	Growth Levels and Distribution	No changes proposed to the housing requirement, range, or distribution. Some minor amendments proposed to the policy wording in relation to five year land supply and the range.
S3	S3	Housing in Urban Areas	The upper limit for sites to come forward within the City and Towns is proposed to be removed so as not to limit suitable regeneration opportunities where they arise. Some other minor amendments also proposed to the policy wording to clarify how it will be applied and to link to local design policies for First Homes.
S4	S4	Housing in or Adjacent to Villages	The thresholds are proposed to be retained in this policy with some minor amendments proposed to the policy wording to help with its delivery. The First Homes percentage that is considered proportionate is proposed to be reduced from 10% to 5% in alignment with the latest NPPF.
S5	S5	Development in the Countryside	Some minor amendments proposed to the policy wording to be clearer for its application.
n/a	S6	Design Principles for Efficient Buildings	New policy proposed to embed the energy hierarchy (presented in paragraph 3.2.3 in the draft plan) into policy. This will seek designs to prioritise orientation, built form, built fabric, and then heat supply sources and generation of renewable energy to ensure buildings are as efficient as they can be.
S6	S7	Reducing Energy Consumption - Residential Development	Changes proposed to take account of the new policy S6 above. Proposals to amend the monitoring requirements for major developments in response to concerns about deliverability.
S7	S8	Reducing Energy Consumption - Non-Residential Buildings	Changes proposed to take account of the new policy S6 above. Proposals to amend the monitoring requirements for major developments in response to concerns about deliverability.
S8	S9	Decentralised Energy Networks and Combined Heat and Power	Additional supporting text provided to highlight government work being undertaken to identify heat network zones to assist in understanding how this policy may be applied in relevant cases.
S9	S10	Supporting a Circular Economy	Additional supporting text provided to explain what the circular economy is.
S10	S11	Embodied Carbon	Additional requirement added to prioritise the retention, repair, refurbish and re-use of buildings over demolition and rebuild to reduce the wastage of embodied carbon.

S11	S12	Water Efficiency and Sustainable Water Management	Confirmation added to supporting text that Central Lincolnshire is within an area of serious water stress.
S12	S13	Reducing Energy Consumption in Existing Buildings	No change proposed.
S13	S14	Renewable Energy	2km buffers proposed to be added to settlements outside of Central Lincolnshire which are equivalent of those where 2km buffers applied within Central Lincolnshire (Small Villages and larger). No other changes proposed to the initial sieve criteria. Some minor wording changes proposed to the policy to make it clearer, but not changing the thrust or coverage. Additional proposed requirement for ground based PV to maximise opportunities for biodiversity net gain.
S14	S15	Protecting Renewable Energy Infrastructure	No change proposed.
S15	S16	Wider Energy Infrastructure	No change proposed.
S16	S17	Carbon Sinks	Supporting text proposed to be added with further detail about carbon sinks. In discussion with Natural England about defining carbon sinks in Central Lincolnshire in a hope of making it clearer what or where these are. Changes are proposed to the carbon sequestration part of the policy to link into wider nature based solutions rather than just tree coverage.
S17	S18	Electric Vehicle Charging	No changes proposed at this time, but Government recently announced intentions to update the building regulations to require EV charging in new dwellings. Progress on this will continue to be monitored.
S18	S19	Fossil Fuel Exploration, Extraction, Production or Energy Generation	Whilst objections from LCC are noted regarding the remit of this local plan in relation to fossil fuel exploration, extraction or production, given this is such a key factor in delivering a carbon net zero region it is proposed to be retained but with changes to the supporting text and policy to make it clear that it does not relate to 'County development'.
S19	S20	Resilient and Adaptable Design	Minor addition or reference to the wider green infrastructure network in point 2 of the policy.
S20	S21	Flood Risk and Water Resources	Some minor amendments proposed to the policy wording and supporting text as recommended by the Environment Agency, but these do not change the thrust or coverage of the policy.
S21	S22	Affordable Housing	Additional text proposed to be added to the policy to some negotiation on affordable housing where an accurate viability assessment demonstrates these cannot be met in full – similar text to that included in the 2017 Local Plan.
S22	S23	Meeting Accommodation Needs	Proposed removal of reference to M4(2) space standards and relying on these being brought in as a standard requirement in the building regulations.
NS23	NS24	Custom and Self-Build Housing	No changes proposed.
S24	S25	Sub-division and Multi-occupation of Dwellings in Lincoln	Additional supporting text added regarding accommodation in sites at risk of flooding added.

S25	S26	Houseboat Moorings and Caravans	Addition of requirement for proposals not to adversely impact navigational safety to point c).
NS26	NS27	Residential Annexes	No changes proposed.
S27	S28	Spatial Strategy for Employment	No changes proposed.
S28	S29	Strategic Employment Sites	Intend to update the undeveloped land and status to take account of latest planning position for each site.
S29	S30	Employment Allocations on Sustainable Urban Extensions	Intend to update the employment provision for each SUE.
S30	S31	Important Established Employment Areas	No changes proposed.
S31	S32	Local Employment Areas	No changes proposed.
S32	S33	Non-designated Employment Proposals within Identified Settlements	Additional text proposed to be added to clarify how extensions to existing uses will be judged – using criteria b)-f).
S33	S34	Non-designated Employment Proposals in the Countryside	Proposed deletion of point f).
S34	S35	Network and Hierarchy of Centres	Proposed inclusion of within 500m of Market Rasen and Caistor Town Centres where the retail development is greater than 500m ² as locations where an impact assessment will be required.
S35	S36	Lincoln City Centre and Primary Shopping Area	Minor point proposed to be added in relation to flood risk.
S36	S37	Gainsborough Town Centre and Primary Shopping Area	No changes proposed.
S37	S38	Sleaford Town Centre and Primary Shopping Area	Some very minor wording changes proposed to assist the clarity of the policy only.
S38	S39	Market Rasen and Caistor Town Centres	Additional supporting text proposed to be added.
S39	S40	District, Local and Village Centres	No changes proposed.
NS40	NS41	City and Town Centre Frontages	No changes proposed.
S41	S42	Sustainable Urban Tourism	No changes proposed.
S42	S43	Sustainable Rural Tourism	Minor changes proposed to supporting text to reference walking, cycling and other outdoor pursuits and to reference the need to protect sensitive wildlife. Addition of locations immediately adjacent to villages proposed to be added to the opening line of the policy.
S43	S44	Lincolnshire Showground	No changes proposed.
S44	S45	Strategic Infrastructure Requirements	Reviewing the policy to consider whether additional detail would be beneficial.
S45	S46	Safeguarded Land for Future Key Infrastructure	No changes proposed.
S46	S47	Accessibility and Transport	Supporting text proposed to be updated to take account of the LTP5 which is being produced by LCC.

			Additional requirements for strategic transport infrastructure in relation to impacts on level crossings and better road and rail interaction and delivering biodiversity net gains in highways infrastructure are proposed to be added.
S47	S48	Walking and Cycling Infrastructure	Minor amendment to wording to specifically reference public rights of way proposed to be added.
S48	S49	Parking Provision	No change proposed to the policy and a minor amendment is proposed to be made to the supporting text, depending on the status of the City Council's parking SPD.
S49	S50	Community Facilities	No changes proposed.
S50	S51	Creation of Open Space, Sports and Leisure Facilities	Considering updates to policy in discussion with Sport England.
S51	S52	Universities and Colleges	No changes proposed.
S52	S53	Design and Amenity	Text proposed to be added in relation to design codes and some minor amendments to the wording in the policy to add in reference to biodiversity net gain and to assist with delivery of the policy.
S53	S54	Health and Wellbeing	Additional point proposed to be added regarding the mental and physical health benefits of open space.
NS54	NS55	Advertisements	No changes proposed.
S55	S56	Development on Land Affected by Contamination	Minor change to the presentation of the last paragraph in the policy to make it easier to follow.
S56	S57	The Historic Environment	Minor amendments proposed to be made to the supporting text in relation to various comments made. In discussion with Historic England to consider some amendments to wording of the policy.
S57	S58	Protecting Lincoln, Gainsborough and Sleaford's Setting and Character	No changes proposed.
S58	S59	Green and Blue Infrastructure Network	A number of minor changes are proposed to be made to the supporting text including references to blue infrastructure, the addition of golf courses as part of the infrastructure, some additional references added and other minor changes. The policy has been reviewed in relation to Natural England's green infrastructure principles and some changes are proposed to align the plan more closely to these.
S59	S60	Protecting Biodiversity and Geodiversity	Some additional detail of environmental records, an update on the Environment Act which was passed in November 2021, and details of specific international sites are proposed to be included in the supporting text. Some very minor wording changes proposed within the policy to assist delivery.
S60	S61	Biodiversity Opportunity and Delivering Measurable Net Gains	Proposed update to supporting text in relation to the Environment Act and to add information in about the Natural England Biodiversity Metric which the

			<p>government appears to be supporting. Some additional minor wording is proposed to aid clarity.</p> <p>Updates proposed to the policy to bring it more in line with the Environment Act and better align to the Local Nature Recovery Strategy and generally make the policy more deliverable.</p>
S61	S62	Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and Areas of Great Landscape Value	Some minor changes are proposed to clarify certain points within the policy and supporting text, but do not impact on the overall ambition of the policy.
S62	S63	Green Wedges	No changes proposed to the policy. In response to consultation responses requesting changes to the boundaries of the green wedges in North Hykeham, it is not proposed to review the boundaries of the green wedges in this local plan review. However, as a result of information on uses and permissions granted to the west of Station Road in North Hykeham, it is proposed to amend the boundary in these locations to better reflect the areas that perform the functions of a green wedge.
S63	S64	Local Green Spaces	No changes proposed to this policy.
S64	S65	Important Open Spaces	No changes proposed to this policy. The status of some sites are being reviewed.
S65	S66	Trees, Woodland and Hedgerows	Some minor changes are proposed to the supporting text to clarify.
S66	S67	Best and Most Versatile Agricultural Land	No changes proposed to this policy.
S67	S68	Sustainable Urban Extensions	Additional text is proposed in the policy in relation to design codes and biodiversity networks.
S68	S69	Lincoln SUEs	Some updates are proposed to the policy to update the situation on these SUEs. Most notably this relates to the South West Quadrant and the North Hykeham Relief Road.
S69	S70	Gainsborough SUEs	Minor changes proposed to add protection against wildlife disturbance.
S70	S71	Sleaford SUEs	No changes proposed to this policy.
NS71	NS72	Lincoln Regeneration and Opportunity Areas	No changes proposed to this policy.
NS72	NS73	Gainsborough Regeneration and Opportunity Areas	No changes proposed to this policy.
NS73	NS74	Sleaford Regeneration and Opportunity Areas	Some minor amendments are proposed to site ROA7 – Avanta Seeds Site and ROA9 – Greylees, with both clarifying point a) for each site.
S74	S75	RAF Scampton	The history in the introductory text has been reviewed and amended in light of comments received. Additional wording is also proposed to be added to the supporting text and policy relating to the value of the heritage on site and the airspace above it as two areas of concern highlighted during the consultation.
S75	S76	Residential Development from Sustainable Urban Extensions	Figures for delivery of housing from SUEs will be updated taking into account the latest monitoring information available.
S76	S77	Housing Sites - Lincoln Urban Area	Out COL/CAS/002 – Land at Yarborough Leisure Centre, Lincoln – site subject of a live application for student

			accommodation so proposed to be removed as a housing site allocation. NK/AUB/002 – Land north of 48 Thorpe Lane, South Hykeham Fosseway – site completed or nearing completion and now removed.
S77	S78	Housing sites - Main Towns	No major changes proposed currently.
S78	S79	Housing Sites - Market Towns	Out WL/CAI/009 – Lan north of North Street, Caistor– availability not clear, proposed to not be included as an allocation.
S79	S80	Housing Sites - Large Villages	In WL/SCO/012 – Land east of North Moor Road, Scotter – allocation in the 2017 Local Plan, was proposed for removal as availability was unknown, but this has since been confirmed with a new planning application. NK/BBH/007 – St Johns Hospital, Bracebridge Heath – allocated in 2017 Local Plan, still under construction, added back in. Out NK/BIL/017 – Land west of Walcott Road, Billingham – site completed or nearing completion and now removed. NK/BIL/018 – Site of former Lafford High School, Fen Road, Billingham – permission on site has lapsed and now removed. NK/HEC/009 – Land north of Boston Road, Heckington – site completed or nearing completion and now removed. WL/NHAM/035 – Land off Lodge Lane, Nettleham – site completed or nearing completion and now removed. WL/NHAM/036 – Land at Deepdale Lane, Nettleham – site completed or nearing completion and now removed. Change NK/RUSK/008 – Land off Leasingham Lane, Ruskington – the site area is proposed to be reduced to exclude an area with electricity pylons.
S80	S81	Housing Sites - Medium Villages	In WL/STUR/008 – Queensway, off Saxilby Road, Sturton by Stow – new permission (140375) issued for 14 dwellings. Out WL/ING/007 – Land off Lincoln Road, Ingham –site completed or nearing completion and now removed.
S81	S82	Housing Sites - Small Villages	Out NK/TOTH/001c – Land off Middle Lane, Thorpe on the Hill – site completed or nearing completion and now removed. WL/BARL/003 – George Hotel, Langworth – site completed or nearing completion and now removed.
S82	S83	Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Accommodation	No changes proposed to this policy.
S83	S84	Ministry of Defence Establishments	Minor amendment to the supporting text relating to biodiversity is proposed to be made. A minor change to clarify the policy wording is proposed.

		Appendix 1: Housing Requirements for Parishes	This table will be updated to take account of the latest monitoring and the information provided is proposed to be updated to include more of a breakdown of the source of the figures.
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Whilst this does not provide the full detail of what will be changed in each policy it is hoped that it provides a suitable overview of the substantive changes proposed to be made to the plan in order for members to understand the effect on policy following the last Regulation 18 Consultation in the summer of 2021.